AMENDED CLAIMS
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1. A multimedia preview system in a client/server-based net-
work environment for browsing the content of requested multi-
5   media data to be previewed, said content being displayed on a
client terminal (1006) accessing a multimedia server (1002)
which holds said multimedia data,
characterized by
controlling means (602a-c, 800a/b, 900, 1404a-c, 1600) for
10   adapting the speed of browsing and/or the detail level of
presentation in text and/or image depending on type and/or
frequency of user commands instructing the multimedia preview
system (1000) to browse either quicker or slower through the
content of said multimedia data such that the degree of pre-
15   sented details is the higher the lower the speed of presenta-
tion and vice versa.

2. A multimedia preview system according to claim 1,
characterized in that
20   said multimedia preview system (1000) is realized as a video-
on-demand system with an additional video browsing function-
ality for varying the speed and detail level of presentation
depending on type and/or frequency of user commands instruct-
ing the multimedia preview system (1000) change the speed of
25   browsing such that said detail level is the higher the lower
the speed of presentation and vice versa.

3. A multimedia preview system according to claims 1 or 2,
characterized in that
30   said controlling means (602a-c, 800a/b, 900, 1404a-c, 1600)
comprises a touch-sensitive display (1502) for navigating
through the multimedia data to be previewed.

4. A method for browsing the content of multimedia data to be
35   previewed, said content being displayed on a client terminal

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(1006) accessing a multimedia server (1002) which holds said
multimedia data,

characterized by the steps of

5   - downloading (S0) said multimedia data from the multimedia
         server (1002) to said client terminal (1006) via a network
         link,

       - said multimedia server (1002) receiving (S1a) and process-
         ing (S1b) user commands demanding a change in the speed of
         browsing and/or in the detail level of presentation, in the
10   following referred to as „representation parameters",

       - decomposing (S2) said multimedia data into non-redundant
         and redundant, less relevant parts,

       - adapting (S3) said representation parameters by online fil-
         tering out (S3') a certain amount of said redundant, less
15   relevant parts depending on type and/or frequency of said
         user commands such that the degree of presented details is
         the higher the lower the speed of presentation and vice
         versa, and

       - displaying (S4) an adapted version of said multimedia data
20   on said client terminal (1006).

       5. A method according to claim 4,
       characterized by the steps of

       - associating (S5a) metadata of any kind allowing users to
25   identify segmented parts of multimedia data to be previewed
         to said multimedia data and

       - synchronizing (S5b) said metadata with said multimedia
         data.

30   6. A method according to anyone of the claims 4 or 5,
       characterized by
       said user commands being movements of a user's finger across
       a touch-sensitive display (1502) according to claim 3, the
       length of the movement path being directly proportional to

the speed of browsing and/or the detail level of presentation when displaying said multimedia data.

7. A method according to anyone of the claims 4 or 5,
characterized by
said user commands being forces exerted by a user's finger to the surface of a touch-sensitive display (1502) according to claim 3, said force being directly proportional to the speed of browsing and/or the detail level of presentation when displaying said multimedia data.

8. A method according to anyone of the claims 4 or 5,
characterized by
said user commands being the duration of forces exerted by a user's finger to the surface of a touch-sensitive display (1502) according to claim 3, said duration being directly proportional to the speed of browsing and/or the detail level of presentation when displaying said multimedia data.

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